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him; and if his mamma took him abroad, she was obliged to send him home again; whilst master Goodwill was so much beloved, that if his mamma went on a visit without him, the chariot was sent back for him, if the distance was not too great, and all the gentlemen and ladies of the neighbourhood insisted upon Mrs. Goodwill's always bringing him with her. Master Goodwill enjoyed a ride, not only for the pleasure of the air and exercise, but for the advantage it enabled him to procure for others; he always either called upon some sick person, whom he assisted, or gave rewards to children who were good at their book, spinning, &c. and sometimes bought fruit and cakes to treat his brothers and sisters. Thus constantly attentive to promote the happiness of others, he preserved an un-

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interrupted serenity and cheerfulness in his own breast. His behaviour was an example worthy of the imitation of every youth; he was an object of universal admiration for his attainments in morals and manners, and was free from the disarming envy by the uncommonness of his disposition.